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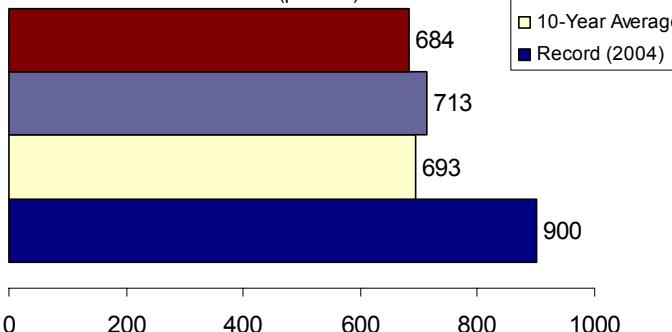


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PERSISTANT DROUGHT IMPACTS NORTH CAROLINA YIELDS

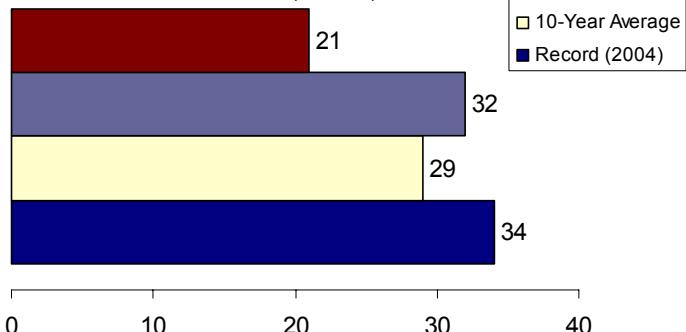
Cotton production is forecast to total 705,000 bales, up 12% from last month's forecast but down 45% from last year's production of 1.285 million bales. The yield forecast at 684 pounds per acre increased from the October forecast of 611 pounds per acre. Harvested acres are expected to total 495,000 compared with 865,000 acres harvested in 2006.

Crop Yield - Cotton, Upland
(pounds)



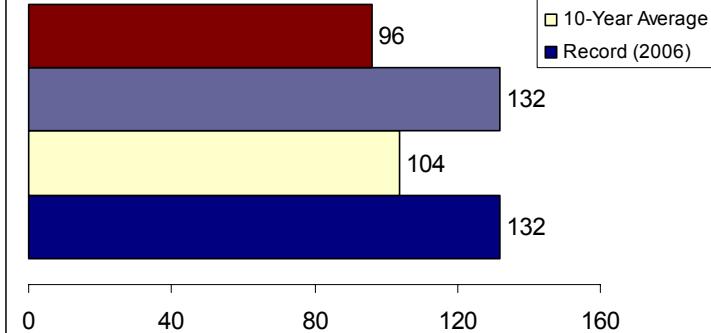
Soybean yield is forecast to average 21 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel per acre from last month's forecast but down 11 bushels from last year. Production is forecast to total 28.8 million bushels, down 34% from last year. Harvested area is projected at 1.37 million acres, unchanged from last month's forecast.

Crop Yield - Soybeans
(bushels)



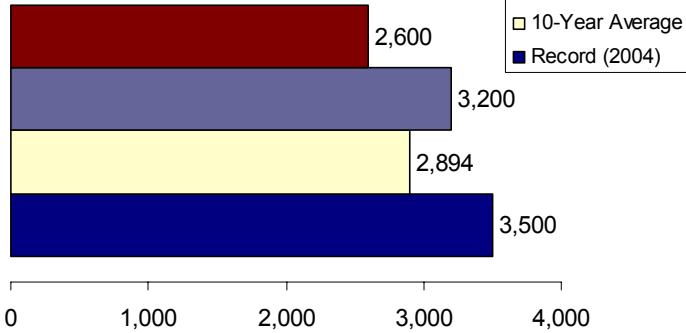
Corn for grain yield is forecast at 96 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels per acre from last month but down 36 bushels from last year's record high of 132 bushels per acre. Production is forecast to total 98.9 million bushels, 1% more than last year. Harvested acres are unchanged from last month's forecast at 1.03 million, up 290,000 from 2006.

Crop Yield - Corn for Grain
(bushels)



Peanut production is forecast at 239.2 million pounds, up 8% from last month but down 11% from last year's production. Harvested area is projected at 92,000 acres. Yield per acre is forecast at 2,600 pounds, up 200 pounds from last month and down 600 pounds per acre from last year.

Crop Yield - Peanuts
(pounds)



October 2007 Crop Weather: Above normal temperatures and dry weather dominated the month of October. Some relief was experienced the last week of October with precipitation measurements between 0.66 to 5.85 inches. Soil moisture levels were rated mostly very short and short for the majority of the month. The dry and hot conditions have sped up the crop harvest and have hindered the planting of small grains. Most of the small grain plantings are behind the five year average. The last week of October had cotton 66% harvested, corn harvest was completed, soybeans were 19% harvested and peanuts were 90% harvested.

U.S. corn for grain production is forecast at 13.2 billion bushels, down 1% from last month but 25% above 2006. **U.S. cotton** production is forecast at 18.9 million 480-pound bales, up 4% from last month but down 13% from last year's 21.6 million bales. **U.S. soybean** production is forecast at 2.59 billion bushels, down slightly from the October forecast and down 19% from last year's record high. **U.S. peanut** is forecast at 3.47 billion pounds, up 1% from last month and up slightly last year.

CROP ACRES, YIELD AND PRODUCTION, NOVEMBER 1, 2007

CROPS	UNIT	NORTH CAROLINA						PERCENT CHANGE	
		ACRES HARVESTED		YIELD		PRODUCTION			
		2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007		
		Thousands						+/-	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	740	1,030	132	96	97,680	98,880	+1	
Cotton: Upland ¹	Lb.	865	495	713	684	1,285	705	-45	
Peanuts	Lb.	84	92	3,200	2,600	268,800	239,200	-11	
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	1,360	1,370	32	21	43,520	28,770	-34	
		UNITED STATES							
		Thousands						Millions	
Corn for Grain	Bu.	70,648	86,071	149.1	153.0	10,534.9	13,167.7	+25	
Cotton: All ¹	Lb.	12,731.5	10,543.0	814	859	21.6	18.9	-13	
Peanuts	Lb.	1,210	1,190	2,863	2,913	3,464.3	3,466.4	0	
Soybeans for Beans	Bu.	74,602	62,818	42.7	41.3	3,188.2	2,594.3	-19	

¹ Production in 480-lb. net weight bales.